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BOARD OF HEALTH
August 10, 2021 – MINUTES

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno

Others Present: Meegan Lancaster, Garrett Albiston, Lorna Welch, Ewell Hopkins, Colleen Taylor, Michael Weir, Joe Sullivan, Chris Huntress, Dr. Laura Green, Terry Donahue, Kris O'Brien, Deborah Potter, Kimberly Kirk, Rebekah Thomson

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

PUBLIC HEARING : 10:00 am

- **Regulation for standardizing the operation and maintenance of Innovative and alternative septic systems in the Preserve at the Woodlands**

Ms. Lancaster reviewed the regulation with the Board and answered questions. Mr. Butterick made a motion to approve. All in favor.

APPOINTMENTS: Joe Sullivan, et al. – MVRHS Turf Project

Mr. Huntress presented an overview of the project with a focus on the proposed synthetic turf products. The Board expressed their concerns of the potential PFAS contamination of the wellhead protection area. Mr. Huntress, Dr. Laura Green and Mr. Sullivan presented information in response to those concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **June 19, 2021** - Approved
- **July 13, 2021** - Approved

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:

- **Draft letter to Select board requesting testing of land outside the scope of USCG mitigation**

Ms. Lancaster stated that she is drafting the letter to the Select board to request the funding for this testing and has spoken with Sovereign Consulting and they will be putting together a proposal for testing.

- **Application for MassDEP Air Sensor Grant**

Ms. Lancaster stated that there is a program through the Mass DEP focusing on communities of justice which includes the rural towns on the island. The grant is for communities to obtain air quality monitors which we would put up around the town. She will be applying for this grant.

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AGENTS UPDATE:

- **COVID-19**

Ms. Lancaster stated that we had a little acceleration over the weekend. We had 17 cases on Saturday mostly linked to hospitality operations in Edgartown. They spoke with Roberto on Nantucket and their wastewater testing was showing approximately likelihood of 40 cases and very shortly thereafter than 32. We tend to lag behind them slightly. We are still seeing a lot of breakthrough cases (likely caused by the Delta variant) where people are fully vaccinated and becoming symptomatic.

The test site at the West Tisbury School will need to move by the end of August. We are going to see if we can use the space behind the YMCA/Ice Arena.

- **Receipt of Lagoon Ridge application – scheduling for Board review**

The sub-division application has been received so the Board can come by to review. There are no variance requests and it is a by right application. Mr. Hopkins spoke about the project. We will most likely have this on the agenda on August 24th for further discussion.

Mr. Butterick made a motion to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant

DOCUMENT(S): MVRHS Athletic Field Presentation; <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-massdep-air-sensor-grant>